

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic component storing case comprising:  
a case member capable of accommodating an  
electronic component and having an opening in a first  
5 end face thereof;

a shutter member which is arranged in the opening  
of said case member, pivotal outwardly to open/close  
the opening, and biased in a closing direction by a  
first resilient member; and

10 a lever member which has a first end extending to  
an outside of said case member from at least one side  
surface thereof perpendicular to said first end face of  
said case member, and a second end which acts on said  
shutter member, said lever member being adapted to  
15 convert an operating force to be applied to said first  
end into a biasing force for biasing said shutter  
member in an opening direction.

2. The case according to claim 1, wherein said  
shutter member in a closed state is movable into said  
20 case member.

3. The case according to claim 1, wherein  
a groove is formed in at least one side surface  
perpendicular to said first end face of said case  
member to extend in a direction perpendicular to said  
25 first end face, and

said first end of said lever member extends into  
the groove and actuates said first end outwardly from

the groove, so that said second end of said lever member applies an operating force on said shutter member in the opening direction.

4. The case according to claim 3, wherein the groove  
5 serves as a guide when inserting said case member into electronic equipment.

5. The case according to claim 1, wherein said lever member is rotatably, axially supported in said case member, and said second end of said lever member  
10 displaces a to-be-operated portion projecting from a rotating shaft which rotates interlocked with said shutter member, so as to allow said shutter member to receive a force in the opening direction.

6. The case according to claim 5, wherein said  
15 rotating shaft has a flat plate-like rib extending from a shaft core, and said shutter member is supported by said rib, so as to allow said shutter member to rotate interlocked with said rotating shaft and move in a direction to be guided by a flat surface of said rib.

20 7. The case according to claim 6, further comprising a second resilient member which biases said shutter member, at least when said shutter member is open, in an outward direction of said case member along said flat surface of said rib,

25 wherein said shutter member can move into said case member upon reception of an external force, perpendicular to said first end face, toward an

interior of said case member.

8. The case according to claim 1, wherein when said shutter member is closed, an outer surface of said shutter member is flush with or set back from a surface  
5 formed by an end of a side surface that surrounds said first end face.

9. The case according to claim 1, wherein when said shutter member is closed, at least part of a side surface that surrounds said first end face projects  
10 from an outer surface of said shutter member.

10. An electronic device comprising:

an electronic component storing case according to claim 1; and

an electronic component fixed in said case member  
15 such that a connecting connector thereof opposes said shutter member,

wherein when said shutter member is open, said connecting connector is so exposed as to be able to be connected.

20 11. An electronic device comprising:

an electronic component storing case according to claim 2; and

an electronic component fixed in said case member  
such that a connecting connector thereof opposes said  
25 shutter member,

wherein when said shutter member is open, said connecting connector is so exposed as to be able to be

connected, and said shutter member can be accommodated between said connecting connector and case member.

12. The device according to claim 11, wherein a direction of displacement of said shutter member into  
5 said case member substantially coincides with a direction of connection stroke for connection with an opposite connector to which said connecting connector is to be connected.